

Attachment

Lecture Outline:

SOVIET NATIONALITY PROBLEMS

- I. The Setting
 - A. Brief historical overview of the expansion of the Russian Empire
 - B. Nationality groupings within the Soviet Union
 - C. Bolsheviks and "national self-determination"
- II. Russification to Sovietization -- Communist Programs and Goals (with emphasis on Brezhnev Period)
 - A. Significance of slogan, "national in form, socialist in content"
 - B. Ethnic factor in design of political-administrative structure
 - C. Policies regarding culture and language
 - D. Sblizheniye ("drawing together") and slianiye ("merger")
- III. Nationality Problems for the Soviet Leadership
 - A. Republics as political power centers
 - B. Historic regions of conflict
 - 1. Baltic peoples -- Latvians, Lithuanians, Estonians
 - 2. Western Ukraine
 - 3. Georgians and Armenians
 - C. "Modern nationalism" (as defined by Teresa Rakowska-Harmstone in cited article)
 - 1. pressures for broader political autonomy
 - 2. pressure for greater allocation of investment resources to local projects
 - 3. pressure for more authority to plan and manage Republic economic activity
 - 4. pressure for greater freedom to promote local national cultures

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Principal sources:

1. Soviet journals and newspapers
2. Zev Katz, et al., ed., HANDBOOK OF MAJOR SOVIET NATIONALITIES (Free Press, 1975)
3. Special issue on "Nationalities and Nationalism in the USSR", Problems of Communism, XVI:5, September/October 1967
4. Teresa Rakowska-Harmstone, "The Dialectics of Nationalism in the USSR", Problems of Communism, XXIII:3, May/June 1974